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# HOME MISSION REPORT

OF THE

## Presbytery of Manitoba.

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*To the Convener of the Home Mission Committee of the General  
Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada :*

### SETTLEMENT DURING 1882.

Last year witnessed a greater advance in the work of our Church in the North-West than any previous year in its history. The construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway has given a great impetus to settlement. Large numbers of men find employment in building the road and in procuring ties and timber. The railway affords to settlers a quick and easy method of reaching the fertile lands of the interior, and provides a market for the products of the soil. The Government, Railway and Land Companies, have also succeeded in directing a considerable portion of the stream of emigration, from Great Britain and the Continent of Europe, to the North-West. Few are aware of how rapidly the country is being settled. Nearly 450 miles of the main line were graded and ironed last season. For 300 miles west of Brandon the road lies through a continuous stretch of good agricultural land. For 12 or 15 miles on both sides of the line the even numbered sections have been pre-empted, or entered as homesteads. The Railway Company, owing to its liberal terms, has also disposed of a good deal of its lands contiguous to the line. Large settlements are also found along the left bank of the Qu'Appelle, and the right bank of the South Saskatchewan. South-Western Manitoba has attracted a large number of immigrants, and they have passed westward over the boundary line into the new Province of Assiniboia. For 125 miles west of the Turtle Mountain there is now a continuous settlement. It would be within the mark to say that between 80 and 100 townships, of 36 square miles each, were settled in this quarter alone during the year. In other words, there were two belts settled last season, the one along the railway, west of Brandon, about 300 miles in length (as far as from Toronto to Montreal), and from 25 to 50 in width ; and the other, in South-Western Manitoba, 125 miles in length, and from 18 to 25 miles wide. Much land in the eastern parts of the country, which had been passed over by the fastidious settlers of a few years ago, were also taken up. Settlement is also stretching northward, from Fort Qu'Appelle towards Prince Albert, a number of families having found a home last year in the neighbourhood of the Touchwood Hills.

### TOWNS.

Along the railway, towns and villages are fast springing up which will soon become important centres of trade. Two years ago in Brandon there was not a house, now there is a town of 4000 souls. Steps are taken everywhere to effect municipal organization, and to provide schools and the other requisites of civilized life. What is to be done for the spiritual welfare of such centres ?

### NUMBER OF SETTLERS.

The volume of immigration last season was estimated at between 45,000 and 50,000. As in the past the newcomers were largely members and adherents of our own Church. The arrivals from England and Scotland were more numerous than in any previous year. They express themselves as pleased with the country and their prospects, and are inviting their relatives and acquaintances to

join them. Through the influence of our present population we may confidently expect that for years to come immigration from Ontario and Britain will be largely of the religious complexion of past years. The Presbyterian Church should, consequently, regard as settled the fact that upon her falls largely the responsibility of giving the gospel to this incoming population.

#### SUPPLY OF MISSIONARIES.

In all the fields occupied by the Church, prior to the summer of 1882, services were maintained with considerable efficiency and gratifying success. Much new territory was also occupied. The very inadequate supply of missionaries, however, interfered seriously with the growth of our work. Only occasional supply could be given west of Brandon during the autumn and winter. There were nearly 400 townships in which were to be found thousands of Presbyterians to whom no minister of our Church broke the Bread of Life. During the last six months there were extensive districts in which no minister of any Church conducted religious services. If Christian effort is thus stunted in the infancy of the country, permanent injury will be inflicted. Far be it from me to find fault with any Committee for not sending men, or with ministers for not responding to repeated calls. I am thankful that so much good has been done, and no doubt more men and means would have been supplied had they been available. In justice to important interests here, however, it must be stated that our present staff of missionaries is altogether inadequate, and that unless speedily increased our work will be seriously retarded, if it does not suffer irreparable injury. At least twenty-five additional ordained missionaries are required in the field this season, and should settlement go on at the present rate there would be abundant work for an equal number, annually, for several years to come. In the absence of ordained missionaries the services of student catechists have been secured for the summer.

#### DIFFICULTIES AND DISADVANTAGES OF OCCASIONAL SUPPLY.

The experience of the Church in the East makes it unnecessary for me to dwell on the disadvantage of supplying fields in summer and neglecting them in winter. The difficulties of partial supply are greater here than in Ontario. No man can be spared from his post in Manitoba to visit outlying stations. The theological students are few; the fields are many; distances great and expenses heavy; and hence, modes of supply adopted in Ontario are here impracticable. Students do excellent work the first season, but, as soon as they leave the field, their places should be supplied with ordained missionaries. We shall then reap where we have sown, and not leave our crop to be harvested by others, or, worse still, to go to waste. In consequence of the frequent changes taking place in the population of all our mission stations, it is found that the continuous presence of a missionary is essential, even to financial success. When occasional supply is provided by Presbytery, frequently the Presbytery is called on to bear the whole expense.

#### NEED OF MANSES.

Were more adequate salaries guaranteed, and better accommodation provided, no doubt more ministers would volunteer to come west. Owing to the high cost of living a salary of \$800, without a manse, fails to secure a minister the necessities of tolerable existence or successful work. Tales of hardships could be told that ought to bring the blush to the cheek of the Church. The salary should be at least \$900 and a manse. Where houses are to be had rent is charged at about \$20 per month. Frequently they are not to be had at all. Manses are really more necessary than Churches in the country. When the cost of a very ordinary house is \$1200 or \$1300, and the minister appointed to a field indefinitely, it is clear that if he had the means to build it would not be safe for him to do so. With the outlay settlers have in beginning life, and the limited means of many of them, it is evident that if manses are to be erected the people at the outset must receive aid.

The Church and Manse Building Board is directing its attention to this department of work, and no doubt a few years will witness a great change in the circumstances of our ministers for the better. Let members and adherents of our Church put funds in the hands of the Board and they will be helping our Home Mission work very effectually. Since the question of the increase of missionaries' salaries is to come before the Assembly, it is to be hoped it will receive the attention its importance demands. No Church can afford to starve its pioneers.

#### CHANGES IN OLD FIELDS.

The increasing compactness of settlement, or the growing importance of certain centres, necessitated several changes in the older fields of Presbytery. To enable Mr. Ross to give more attention to the thriving town of Carman, and the country lying south and east, Sharon and Miami have been detached from the Boyne group, and with a station to be opened north-west of Campbellville have been erected into a separate field. Carman becomes responsible for a good part of Mr. Ross's salary. Marrinhurst and the country north of Rock Lake have been separated from the Rock Lake district; and West from East Turtle Mountain. Carberry and Petrel having become self-sustaining, the Boggy Creek portion of the Big Plain field and a district to the north-west, settled

last season, have been put under the charge of another missionary. Rolling River was separated from Minnedosa; and the Birtle field has now become three fields. The size of the Birtle field, originally, was about 30 miles in width, by 50 in length. Six additional fields have been thus erected in the territory formerly occupied.

#### NEW FIELDS.

The following new fields were occupied for the first time, viz :—Milford, with five stations; Peacock with four; Plum Creek, with five; Virden, with four; Moosomin, with three; Carrot River, with two; and Regina, with one. At Griswold, Broadview, Summerberry, Wolf's Creek, Wolseley, Indian Head, Qu'Appelle, Fort Qu'Appelle, Moose Jaw, and other points, services were held occasionally; but, owing to the lack of missionaries to occupy these fields permanently, no organization was effected. Fifty-one new stations were thus opened during the year, an increase of about 30 per cent.

#### SELF-SUSTAINING CONGREGATIONS.

Since the last report was presented Brandon, Carberry, Nelson, Rock Lake, Springfield and Sunnyside, became self-sustaining. There has also been a gratifying increase in the contributions of all the fields under the Presbytery. The advance, as compared with the previous year, is about \$2,500. At the present rate of settlement there is no reason why, with proper nursing at the outset, eight or ten self-sustaining congregations should not be added to the list every year.

#### CALLS.

During the year Mr. Ferries was called to Brandon, Mr. J. A. Townsend to Archibald, and Mr. Colter, of Owen Sound Presbytery, to Nelson. Mr. Colter declined, but the congregation has renewed the call. Mr. McCannell is called to Carberry.

Mr. Ferries resigned the charge in January, and Mr. Borthwick tabled his resignation at the last meeting of the Presbytery.

#### DIFFICULTIES IN PROSECUTING WORK.

The state of our mission stations and congregations is difficult to apprehend, on the part of those who have studied mission work only in the East. There is great unrest here; removal from the old home and the openings for advancement have unsettled people a great deal. In Ontario the farmer bought his land and intended to live and die on the farm which his industry had created. In the North-West the settler too frequently thinks of remaining on his homestead only until he can get his patent. He will then sell out to some new-comer, homestead a second time, buy syndicate land, or go to Dakota, to repeat the operation. The spirit of speculation that prevailed during the last two years affected our agricultural population so that the old methods of accumulating wealth were considered slow and insipid. This constant change and its secularizing effect militate against consolidation and advancement. Speculation, however, is subsiding, and our people are realizing that wealth comes only through thrift and industry. Two years ago some of our most promising stations were ruined by the operation of speculators. Causes of this kind make the work of our Church in the North-West more of a missionary character than in any part in the East, and postpone the time when the congregation shall have become self-sustaining. I need not dwell on the tendency of Railway and Land policies to scatter settlement, and render more difficult the maintenance of gospel ordinances.

#### NEW CHURCHES.

Eleven Churches and three manses were built since the close of 1881-2, and two other Churches finished. Sunnyside, Brant and Argyle, Neepawa, Minnedosa, Rapid City, Brandon, Carberry, West Lynne, Wheatland, and Edmonton erected substantial and comfortable frame Churches at an aggregate cost of about \$30,000, two-thirds of which was defrayed by the congregation, and one-third by the Church and Manse Building Board. Manses were built at High Bluff, Nelson, and Marringhurst at a cost of about \$5,000. Loans were granted in each case from the Building Fund. The congregations of Dominion City and Little Britain completed their Churches this year.

Church and manse building promises to be carried on this year with more than ordinary energy. People urgently need places in which services can be held with at least tolerable comfort, and where Sabbath School work can be conducted, and they are prepared to assist according to their means to erect them. Without assistance and encouragement, however, they must proceed slowly.

#### GROWTH.

It may be of interest to shew the growth of the work of the Church in the North-West during the last twelve years, and in doing so, some allowance ought to be made for the severe check received on account of the grasshopper plague. The table submitted will make clear what is meant:—

	1871.	1883.
Self-sustaining congregation .. .. .	1	10
Preaching stations .. .. .	9	184
Ministers and missionaries .. .. .	4	58
Families .. .. .	198	2948
Amount contributed for religious purposes .. .. .	\$2195	\$56641



The statistical and financial tables appended to the report will exhibit, as far as can be done, the state of our work in the North-West at present. The returns, I regret to say, are not complete. There are also a large number of families not ministered to by us at all, because of the lack of ministers. There are about 5,000 Presbyterian families within the bounds of the Manitoba Presbytery, and about 2,000 young men living on their homesteads. Confining this statement to the returns submitted it will appear that there are 184 stations and congregations embraced in 45 fields. Of these 51 stations are new. The number of families is 1,809, and of young men 1,164. The number of communicants returned is 1,977, of whom 608 were added to the roll during the year. The number of baptisms is 388. The average Sabbath attendance returned is 4,464, which is rather better than above the actual average, as in some cases there is no number given for the second service. Thirty-six Sabbath Schools are organized, with an attendance of 1,201. With better facilities for conducting such schools the number will rapidly increase. As might have been expected the number of Kirk Sessions is small. Wherever practicable interim sessions are appointed till the congregation can elect those who shall undertake their spiritual oversight. Managers are everywhere appointed. There are 29 churches and 4 manses, of which 11 churches and 3 manses were erected during the year. The contributions on salary account were \$14,597, for schemes of the Church \$750, and for all purposes \$29,968. The value of Church property is estimated at \$25,660, on which there is a debt of \$12,415, most of which is due to the Church and Manse Building Fund. Complete returns would largely increase the value of Church property. The gain, as compared with last year, is:—

	1882.	1883.	Increase.
Families .. .. .	1555	1709	254
Young men on homesteads .. .. .	943	1164	211
Communicants .. .. .	1355	1988	622
Baptisms .. .. .	123	388	265
Sabbath Schools .. .. .	15	36	21
Sabbath School attendance .. .. .	619	1201	582
Sabbath School Teachers .. .. .	76	153	77
Elders .. .. .	31	58	27
Managers .. .. .	187	263	55
Churches .. .. .	18	29	11
Contributions for Salary .. .. .	\$9717	\$14598	\$4880
Contributions for Schemes .. .. .	\$803	\$766	decrease \$37
Total contributions .. .. .	\$15301	\$29968	\$14667

Owing to the form in which the statistics of the Presbytery appeared last year, absolute correctness cannot be arrived at. Comparisons for future returns will be less difficult. The gratifying result shewn should lead the Church to thank God and work harder.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS.

An attempt has been made to exhibit by the tables the average contributions for salary, schemes, and all purposes per family, and per communicant. In reckoning the number of families two young men were considered equal to a family. The average would be much higher in the case of some stations were it not that only partial supply was given. The returns, in some cases, forbade accurate results. Some missionaries insist on grouping stations, in spite of repeated cautions to the contrary; while others fail to make complete returns. The amount of Sabbath service received is indicated by figures—"1," meaning one service each Sabbath; " $\frac{1}{2}$ ," a fortnightly service; " $\frac{1}{4}$ ," one service a month, &c. These tables shew the disparity in the contributions of the people, which it is hoped the publication of statistics may help to correct. Adding to the amounts given above, the contributions of Knox Church, Winnipeg; St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg; the Church at Kildonan; and Knox Church, Portage la Prairie, I find the amounts for the Prebytery for last year as follows: |

For Salary .. .. .	\$22,428
For Schemes..... .. .	\$ 3,202
For all purposes .. .. .	\$56,641

Adding the number of families and young persons in the congregations to those previously given, and adding also the communicants to those connected with the supplemented congregations and mission stations, I find that the average for the whole Presbytery is as follows:—

	Per Family.	Per Communicant.
For Salary .. .. .	\$7.09	\$7.72
For Schemes .. .. .	\$1.00	\$1.10
For all purposes .. .. .	\$17.04	\$18.97

New though many of our fields are; imperfectly organised many of our stations; unsettled our people; imperfectly manned the work, it will be seen that the contributions of our people compare favourably with those of much older and more settled localities.

The services rendered by the Missionary Societies of our Colleges, should receive recognition. From Knox, Queen's, and Montreal, missionaries were sent last year that ministered with much acceptance along the lines of railway, and in districts destitute of any religious services.

Mention ought also to be made of the laudable action of the ladies of Knox Church, Ingersoll,



in maintaining a missionary at Oak Lake and Virden, last summer. Through their liberality, ground has thus been broken in a district that promises to be important.

The Students' Missionary Society of Montreal College sent two missionaries this summer; the Society of Queen's College, Kingston, three; and that of Knox College, Toronto, four.

#### THE FUTURE

Turning our face to the future there is much to hope for, and much to cause serious thought. That the country promises to be important is no longer problematical. There are proved to be vast areas of agricultural lands admirably adapted for the growth of all cereals. These are being rapidly taken up and cultivated. Along the base of the Rocky Mountains large herds are being reared and fattened for the eastern markets. Cattle Ranching is no longer an experiment in the North-West. The coal fields will be crossed this season by the Canadian Pacific Railway. Repeated tests have shewn the coal to be admirably adapted for fuel, generating steam, and the manufacture of gas. In the region of the Lake of the Woods gold mining is prosecuted with vigor and considerable promise.

The resources of the country are attracting the attention of people in Britain and the Eastern Provinces of the Dominion. Every train just now is bringing in its quota of settlers. Special and excursion trains are constantly arriving. Quite a colony of Scottish Highlanders, sent out by Lady Gordon Cathcart, arrived a few days ago. They went west and are already settled. They are an interesting and valuable class of settlers; and, thanks to the enlightened and liberal spirit of Lady Cathcart, they are provided with the means with which to begin life. Letters of inquiry are constantly being received from Presbyterians in England, Scotland and Ireland, shewing that the arrivals this spring are but the advanced guard of a large exodus from the shores of the Parent Land. Evidently we are on the threshold of a great change in the history of the North-West. The Lone Land will soon be filled with the habitations of man, and a vigorous nation will soon spring up in a country that was supposed to be the home of the hunter and trapper.

#### CHARACTER OF THE IMMIGRANTS

The present settlers of the country are for the most part emigrants from the Eastern Provinces of the Dominion, Great Britain, and the United States. They are young men who were dissatisfied with their prospects elsewhere, heads of families who came here to get land for their children, or those whom financial pressure drove from the homes of their youth. They are men of intelligence and education, of energy and thrift. Like pioneers in every new country their principal capital is in their brain and brawn. Generally speaking they do not possess the same religiosity of nature that characterized the early settlers of the Eastern Provinces, nor are they as much wedded to denominationalism.

#### THE MINISTERS REQUIRED.

The minister that will attract and hold these people must commend himself to them as a man and a Christian. With them the office and denomination will avail little; but personal character and pulpit power much. The lame in intellect, or the limping in education, will have a thin audience. The large amount of travel requires men of youth and physical endurance.

#### IMPORTANCE OF EARLY ACTION.

Time is an important element in Christian work. Men sink into lethargy very quickly. The spirit of speculation and secularism soon blunts the moral sensibilities and blurs and confuses the moral vision if men are left without religious instruction. The missionary should go in with the settler—and to stay—if not permanently, at least till relieved. The effect of early neglect in some of our settlements will not be removed in this generation.

As a rule the people are liberal. They will not accept aid for the support of ordinances longer than is required. The increase in their contributions during the last year is the best evidence of their spirit.

#### NEW SETTLEMENTS NOT PROVIDED FOR.

No provision has been made for settlements that are forming this season. The missionaries arriving have been appointed to fields occupied or mapped out last year. Shall the Presbyterian Church leave for a whole year her part of a population of 75,000 or 100,000 souls without the means of grace? Let ordained ministers be planted at intervals of 50 miles that these new settlements may not be left in total darkness during the coming winter.

#### GENERAL STATEMENTS

Twenty-six fields, now occupied by students, will be vacant next September. To give these fields only occasional supply during the winter is to jeopardize their existence. Means should be adopted, without delay, to provide these fields with ordained missionaries when the present missionaries return to College.

Can not the General Assembly grant us relief by sending ministers from some of the "congested" districts of Ontario, or the Maritime Provinces? Young men would find fields here where they would not be crowded, and where they would not build on other mens' foundations.

Determined efforts should be put forth to direct the attention of the Churches in Great Britain to the wants of the North-West. Tens of thousands of their people are flocking to Manitoba. Ought not the Churches, from whose bosoms those people come, to help to provide them with the means of grace? If the darkness of Heathenism in India appeals so powerfully to the hearts of Christian people in Britain, the spiritual destitution of their acquaintances and relatives in Manitoba should appeal to them with equal power. Assistance could be given for this work in men and means.

The next few years are to decide largely the religious future of this country. God is calling on us to go in and possess the land. The success vouchsafed to us in the past, the possibilities of the country, and the religious wants of its people, should stimulate us—as patriots, as men and Christians—to accomplish what God has given us to do. May God grant that we may discern the signs of the times, and in His strength go forward.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES ROBERTSON.

Winnipeg, May 21st, 1883.

CONGREGATIONS AND MISSION STATIONS—PRESBYTERY OF MANITOBA.

## STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL RETURNS, 1882-3.

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# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING FUND.

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The Board of Management of the Church and Manse Building Fund for Manitoba and the North-West was duly constituted in accordance with the instructions of the General Assembly of 1882.

The sum originally aimed at, in the creation of the Fund, was \$100,000. Of this amount \$80,772.25 have already been subscribed, of which \$20,903.54 have been received, subscriptions being in most cases payable in three annual instalments. These contributions are acknowledged in detail in the Treasurer's Statement, appended to this Report.

Some provisional arrangements for granting aid from the Fund to certain congregations were made during the summer of 1882 by the Superintendent of Missions, to whose exertions the Church is mainly indebted for the formation of the Fund. The Board confirmed these arrangements, the applications for aid having in all cases been approved by the Presbytery of Manitoba. Subsequent applications have also been duly considered, so that the total advances from the Fund up to this date have been \$11,996.89.

In *two* instances, High Bluff and Nelson, aid has been given for the erection of a Manse; in *one*, Maringhurst, for a building combining Manse and place of worship; in *eleven* (*viz.*, Brandon, West Lynn, Neepawa, Rapid City, Carberry, Minnedosa, Brant and Argyle, Regina, Edmonton, Sunnyside, and Oak River), for the erection of a Church. The aid given to Maringhurst was in the form of a free grant; that to Regina in the use of a building which is still the property of the Board; in every other instance it was in the form of a loan, the amounts varying from \$150 to \$2,000. These loans are to be repaid by instalments, for the most part within three years, interest at five per cent. being charged in almost every case, and repayment being secured by the personal bond of the Trustees of the Congregation or by a mortgage on the Church property. Of the fourteen congregations already assisted from the Fund few would be provided with a place of worship, and none of them as adequately equipped as they now are, had it not been for the aid thus received.

In addition to the amounts already advanced, the Board has passed applications in favor of Stonewall, Chater, Davidson's Settlement, Moosomin, Virden, Prince Albert (three small Churches), Greenwood, Miami, Broadview, Moose Jaw, Wolseley, Rat Portage, Burnside, Gladstone, Green Ridge, and Turtle Mountain, which will entirely exhaust the present balance at the disposal of the Board. The average of these loans is about one-third of the total cost of the buildings.

In obedience to the instructions of the Assembly the Board have secured from the Dominion Parliament an Act of Incorporation, enabling them "to hold and possess funds that may be acquired by them by subscription or otherwise for the purchasing and holding of real estate, and for the purchase and erection of Churches and Manses and buildings, and for the maintenance of the same for the uses and purposes of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in Manitoba and the North-West; and also for the purpose of loaning moneys held by them on the security of real estate or otherwise as to them may seem best." In seeking incorporation the Board thought it desirable in the interests of the Church that they should be enabled to receive property in trust for congregations that exist, or that may yet be formed, in places where it may be difficult for some time to secure a resident board of trustees. A clause was, therefore, inserted in the Act of Incorporation enabling them to acquire, hold, and receive property for the use of any particular congregation or Mission Station in connection with the Church in Manitoba and the North-West.

For the benefit of congregations desiring assistance from the Fund the Board have had several designs prepared, with working plans and specifications, of such buildings as might suit the wants of congregations in the North-West. Sketches of these are herewith submitted.

No. 1 represents a building intended to serve as Manse and Church combined. The Board regard it as of the utmost importance that a dwelling should be provided for each missionary, for unless provision of this kind be made the Church cannot secure nor retain sufficient laborers. At the same time, in many cases, neither the resources of the people nor the funds at the disposal of the Board can, as yet, enable congregations to possess both a Church and a Manse. By erecting a building, however, that may serve the twofold purpose, accommodation adequate to the present requirements may be provided; and when the congregation has outgrown such a place of worship the house can be used exclusively as a Manse. The building represented in this design will, by throwing all the lower rooms into one, accommodate from 80 to 100 persons at service. Its estimated cost, at Winnipeg prices, is within \$1,450, and the Board regard it as the cheapest building that can be put up to furnish the same amount of comfort and accommodation.

No. 2 is the design of a very plain Church to accommodate 200 persons. The estimated cost of this building, without vestry or belfry, is \$1,800. To finish it, as represented in the sketch, would involve an additional outlay of \$450. In these estimates seating is not included, but chairs for this purpose will be furnished to the Board at reduced rates.

Design No. 3 represents a Church that will accommodate 290. It also is of cheap construction, the estimated cost, including lecture-room, being about \$2,500.

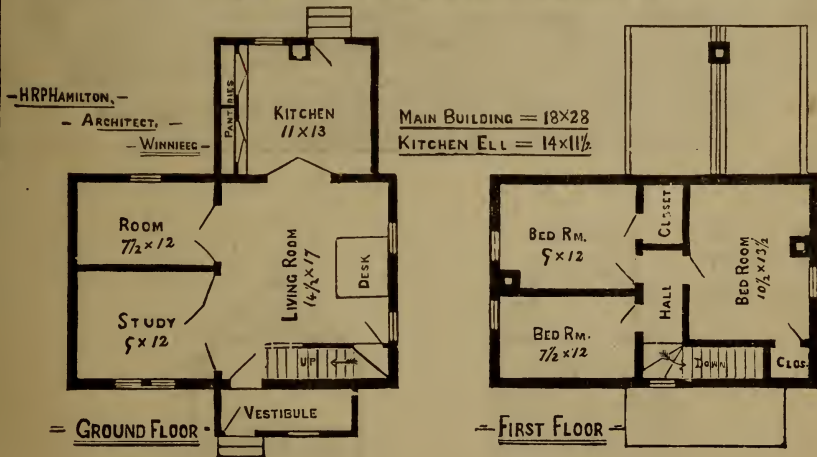
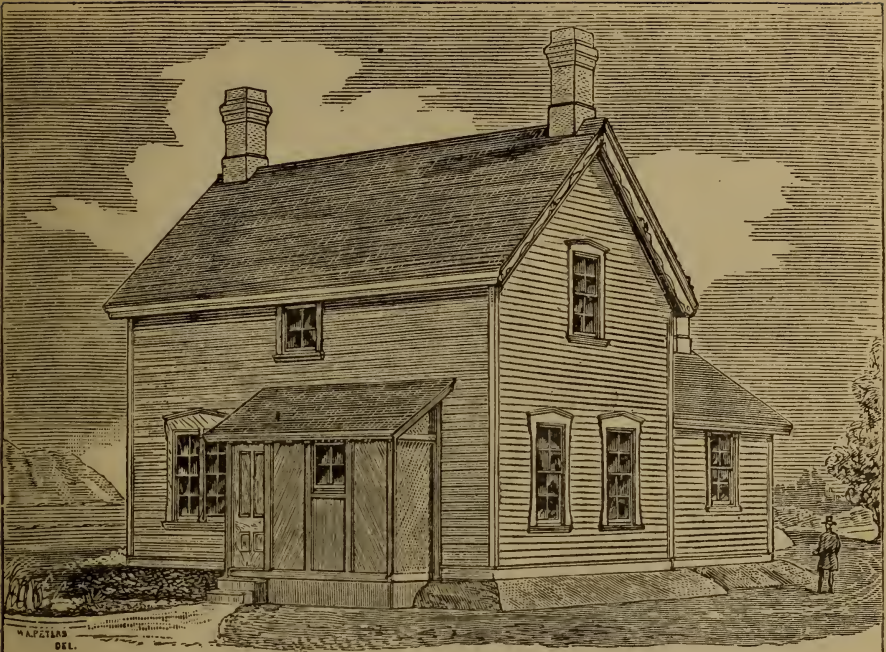
The Board gratefully acknowledge the services of Mr. H. R. P. Hamilton, late of Winnipeg, and now of St. Paul, in furnishing them with Design No. 1; and those of Mr. R. McNicol, of Winnipeg, for Design No. 2. The third sketch is taken, by permission, from the Report of the Church Erection Board of the American Presbyterian Church. Working plans of buildings 1 and 2 will, on application, be furnished to congregations assisted by the Board. Arrangements have been made by which lumber can be supplied at less than the usual market prices, and the C. P. R. Company have kindly consented to convey building material for the Board over any part of their lines at half the ordinary freight rates.

The Board regard the erection of Churches and Manses as of essential importance to the progress of the Church in the North-West. Some of the congregations in the Eastern Provinces have recognised this, as is shewn by the contributions already made to the Fund; but we are as yet only on the threshold of this work. The rapid increase of settlement, following upon the speedy extension of our Railway System, furnishes a field for effort that will tax to the utmost the resources and energies of the Church. Present delay may impair the position and prospects of the Church in this country to an extent that cannot be remedied by years of subsequent activity. The settlers, who are building homes on our prairies, need help to erect houses of worship. Every manse will be a centre of wholesome social influence for a wide community; every Church will help to foster the religious life of the people. While money from many quarters is finding investment in this country, and immigrants are coming from all directions, the close relation that exists between the North-West and the older Provinces, as well as between the North-West and the mother-country, indicates the sources from which we may naturally expect aid for our work. The settlement of the prairies is not merely a matter of importance to Canada; it affects the empire; and we look to our friends across the Atlantic, as well as to those in all parts of the Dominion, for support in a work that so deeply concerns the welfare of the Church. Therefore, in the name of the Great Head of the Church, and with confidence in the liberality of His people, "let us rise up and build."

C. B. PITBLADO, *Chairman.*

D. M. GORDON, *Secretary.*





## ESTIMATE FOR DESIGN I. CHURCH AND MANSE COMBINED.

Rough lumber, 7,345 ft., at \$24 per M.....	\$176.28
Dressed lumber, 6,200 ft., at \$35 per M.....	217
Shingles, 8 M., at \$5 per M.....	40
17 doors, at \$2.50 .....	42.50
11 windows, at \$2 .....	22
100 ft. eavestrough, at 20c.....	20
Hardware (nails, hinges, locks, &c.) .....	42.50
1,200 bricks, at \$20 per M.....	24
Plastering, 384 yards, at 40c. per yard .....	153.60
Back-plastering, 224 yards, at 25c. per yard.....	56
Painting 495 yards, at 20c. per yard .....	99
Carpenter work, 150 days, at \$2.50 per day .....	375

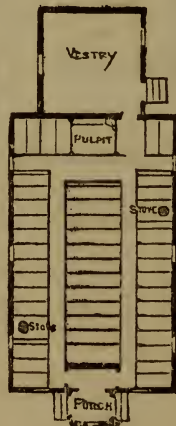
Contractor's Commission, 15 per cent ..... 1,257.88  
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\$1,445.88



CHURCH 48' x 28'  
 VESTRY, 18' x 18'  
 To ACCOMMODATE 200.

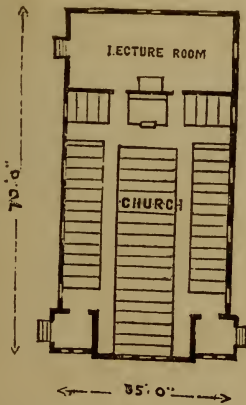
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SECTION.

CHESTERTON AND MONICOL, ARCHTS





PLAN.



SECTION.

CHURCH ACCOMMODATES	280
LECTURE ROOM	100
(34' x 16')	



# REGULATIONS FOR THE CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING FUND.

(Adopted by the General Assembly, June, 1882.)

1. The Fund shall be called the Church and Manse Building Fund of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for Manitoba and the North-West.

2. The amount to be aimed at in the first place shall be one hundred thousand dollars, (\$100,000); the Fund shall be raised by subscriptions and bequests, and the canvass outside the limits of Manitoba and the North-West for subscriptions should not extend beyond two years, and the amounts should be payable in three years, at most, from date of subscription.

3. The money constituting the Fund shall be, at the discretion of the Board, either invested and the revenue accruing therefrom be given in the form of grants to congregations engaged in the erection of churches and manses, or shall be lent to such congregations for a limited number of years, either with or without interest.

4. The management of the Fund shall be entrusted to a Board of nine members, six of these to be appointed annually by the Assembly; the other members of the Board to be the Superintendent of Missions for Manitoba and the North-West, the Convener of the Home Mission Committee, Western Section, and one member appointed by the Home Mission Committee. The ordinary place of meeting shall be Winnipeg. The Board shall have power to fill any vacancies made by death or resignation, until the next General Assembly thereafter.

5. All applications for aid shall be made to this Board through the Presbytery of the bounds, and before being considered by the Board must be recommended by the Presbytery, but the Board is to be sole judge as to the merits of the application, and the amount of aid to be granted.

6. The assistance where made in form of a grant, shall not, except in special circumstances, exceed one-fifth of the total cost of the building; and when made in form of a loan shall not exceed fifty per cent. of the cost. The money shall be payable only when the building can be used for service, in the case of grants. In the case of loans it may be advanced from time to time. No grant to be made or loan effected until the Board is satisfied that a valid title to the property, or a bond to that effect, has been secured by the congregation, and that the deed be in the form approved by the General Assembly.

7. It shall be competent for the Board, with the approval of the General Assembly to make changes in these regulations, but such shall not extend to the alienation of the capital intrusted to the Board.

8. The Board shall report its transactions annually through the Home Mission Committee to the General assembly.

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In making advances from the Fund, the Board of Management require, in addition to the terms prescribed by the General Assembly, that loans shall be repaid within three years; that payment shall be guaranteed by the personal bond of the managers of the congregations, or by a first mortgage on the Church property; and, in most instances, that interest be paid upon loans at a rate not exceeding five per cent. per annum.

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## FORM OF BEQUEST.

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*I give and bequeath to the Board of Management of the Church and Manse Building Fund of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, for Manitoba and the North-West, the sum of.....*  
*and I direct that the said legacy be paid exclusively out of such part of my personal estate as may lawfully be appropriated to such purpose, and in preference to any other payment therefrom.*

CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING FUND OF THE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN CANADA FOR MANITOBA AND THE NORTH-WEST.

JOINT TREASURERS' STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

1883.		
May 24.	To Amount of Subscriptions paid to this date, per detailed list hereto annexed . . . . .	20903 54
	Total Receipts . . . . .	<u>20903 54</u>

PAYMENTS.

1883.	I. LOANS.	
May 24.	To Amount advanced to the following at this date :	
	1. Brandon . . . . .	1204 77
	2. Rapid City . . . . .	2000 00
	3. Neepawa . . . . .	400 00
	4. West Lynne . . . . .	1000 00
	5. Brant and Argyle . . . . .	450 00
	6. Nelson . . . . .	800 00
	7. Regina . . . . .	1133 65
	8. Carberry . . . . .	1500 00
	9. High Bluff . . . . .	1000 00
	10. Minnedosa . . . . .	450 00
	11. Sunnyside . . . . .	1005 78
	12. Edmonton . . . . .	600 00
	13. Maringhurst . . . . .	202 69
	14. Oak River . . . . .	250 00
		<u>\$11996 89</u>

1882. II. EXPENSES.

May 20.	By paid McIntyre Bros., for printing . . . . .	5 50
Dec. 20.	“ Free Press, for printing Circular, &c. . . . .	31 50
1883.		
Jan. 23.	By paid Rev. J. Robertson, for subscription lists printed by C. B. Robinson, Toronto . . . . .	9 00
	By paid half of expense of Home Mission Committee's Reports . . . . .	43 14
	By paid Rev. James Robertson, Superintendent, personal expenses canvassing for Fund . . . . .	278 00
April 24.	By paid Walker & May, for printing . . . . .	7 50
	By paid Bank Commission on Cheques . . . . .	0 25
May 15.	By paid do “ . . . . .	1 00
	By paid Rev. R. H. Warden, expense of printing Maps and Circulars . . . . .	\$224 80
	Less repaid by Rev. Jas Robertson, on acct of Home Mission Committee's share . . . . .	112 40
		<u>112 40</u>
	Less, also received for maps sold . . . . .	24 00
		<u>88 40</u>
May 19.	By paid Kennedy, Strome & Co., for blank books for Treasurer . . . . .	14 50
	By paid McIntyre Bros., for printing Circular and Receipt forms . . . . .	22 25
	By paid copies of Plans of combined Church and Manse, \$10—less received for Plans sold, \$2.50 . . . . .	7 50
	By paid Treasurer, for Clerk's services . . . . .	200 00
	By paid do. for postages . . . . .	12 00
	By paid commission on remittance from Halifax . . . . .	1 63
		<u>722 17</u>

## JOINT TREASURERS' STATEMENT—Continued.

III. *Application to Dominion Government for Act of Incorporation.*

1883.	By paid <i>Free Press</i> for advertising notice . . . . .	40 50	
	By paid Deposit to Clerk of House of Commons . . . . .	50 00	
	By paid <i>Le Manitoba</i> for advertising notice . . . . .	20 00	
	By paid (per A. W. Ross, M.P.) balance of expense of obtaining Act . . . . .	160 00	
May 19.	By paid Robertson & Roberts, barristers, for printing in <i>Canada Gazette</i> and their disbursements, (no charge made for their advice and drawing Bill) . . . . .	12 49	
			282 99
1883.	IV. BALANCE.		
May 24.	By Balance in Merchants Bank of Canada, per Bank Book, carried to next account . . . . .	7901 49	
	Total Payments . . . . .	\$20903 54	20903 54

WINNIPEG, 24th May, 1883,

DUNCAN MACARTHUR,  
JOHN B. McKILLIGAN, } *Joint Treasurers.*



## CHURCH AND MANSE BUILDING FUND.

*Subscriptions and Amounts received up till 24th May, 1883.*

## WINNIPEG—

	<i>Subscription.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>		<i>Subscription.</i>	<i>Paid.</i>
Knox Church . . . . .	\$5000 00		Donald Morrison . . . . .	\$150 00	
A. W. Ross, M.P. . . . .	1800 00		J. B. More . . . . .	150 00	
Duncan Macarthur . . . . .	1000 00	500 00	H. M. Drummond . . . . .	150 00	50 00
Conklin & Fortune . . . . .	1500 00		W. Brydon . . . . .	150 00	
M. A. MacLean . . . . .	1000 00	250 00	W. Scott . . . . .	150 00	
A. F. Macnab & Bro. . . . .	1000 00	166 66	T. Hendry . . . . .	150 00	
Hon. A. G. B. Bannatyne . . . . .	1000 00	166 66	G. M. Wilson . . . . .	150 00	
Geo. D. McVicar . . . . .	1000 00	333 33	Geo. Reid . . . . .	150 00	25 00
Hon. John Schultz . . . . .	1000 00		Geo. Hunter . . . . .	150 00	
M. T. Hunter . . . . .	1000 00	250 00	W. D. Scott . . . . .	150 00	50 00
Sedley Blanchard . . . . .	1000 00		R. Irving . . . . .	150 00	
Alex. Haggart . . . . .	600 00	100 00	Rev. Prof. Hart . . . . .	150 00	
D. H. McMillan . . . . .	600 00	200 00	Horace McDougall . . . . .	150 00	50 00
J. M. Macdonnell . . . . .	600 00		James Colcleugh . . . . .	150 00	
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River John, N. B. . . . .	10 00	10 00	Scotch Block . . . . .	30 00	10 00
St. Johns, N. F. . . . .	1000 00	1000 00	Brampton . . . . .	40 00	10 00
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Thamesville . . . . .	96 00	2 00			
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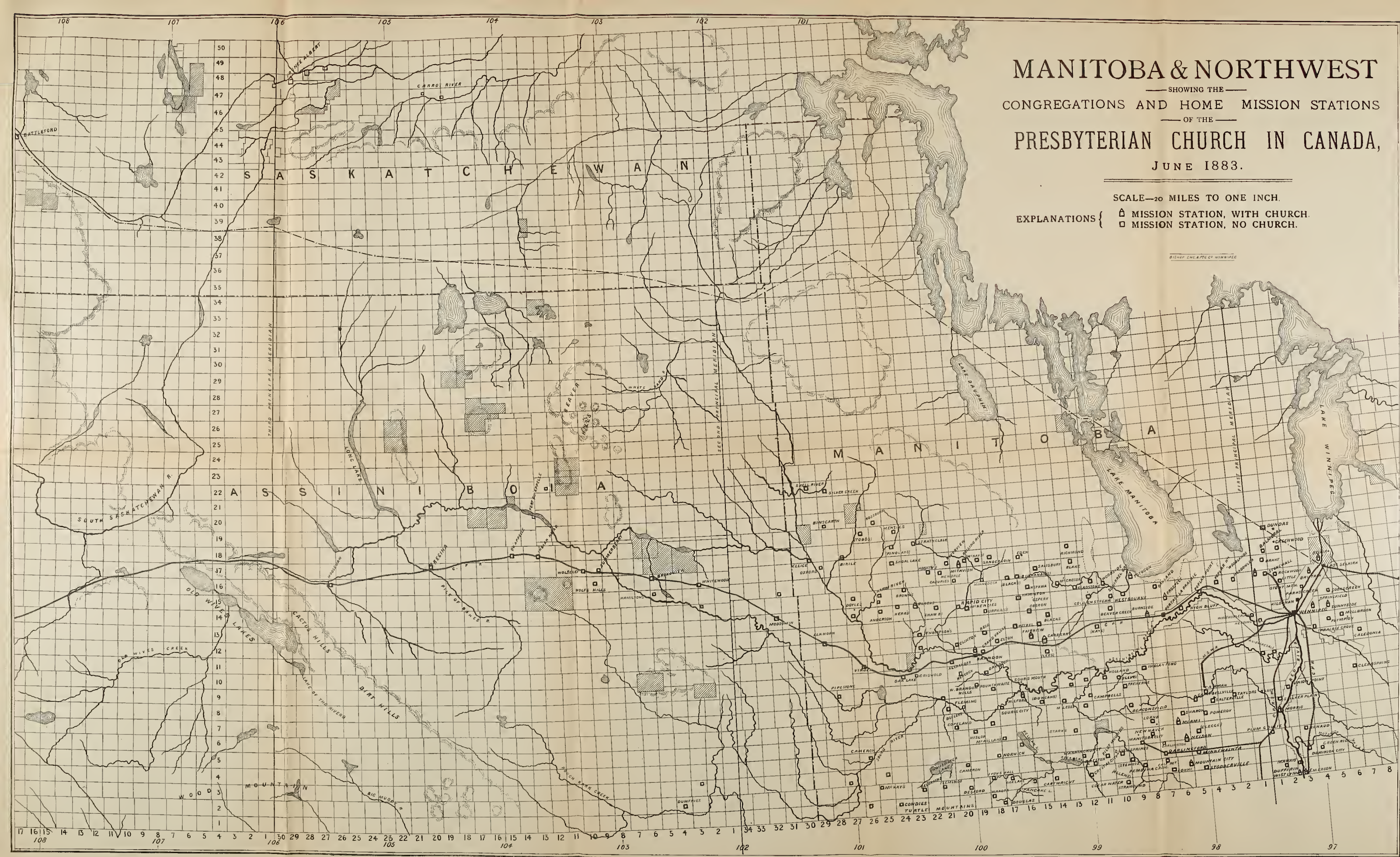
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Surplus, .. .. .	10,658,674 47
Income, .. .. .	11,897,171 41
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New Assurance written in 1882, .. .. .	62,262,272 00

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